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*Therefore every scribe who is instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like an householder who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matthew 13:52.*



Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews, 12:11

"Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and for sake their sins; Look upon us in mercy and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition, for a humble and contrite spirit thou dost not despise. Amen.

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#### John Potts

Oxford has lost another of its old citizens in the death of John Potts, which occurred on Friday April 26th at his home in Jonestown. For about three years his health had been failing, and he was unable to do his usual work on the farm. He was born in Oxford in the year 1861, and always lived in the home of his birth. He was unmarried and for many years lived with his youngest brother Frederick. From boyhood he was employed at the Iron mines, and is remembered by his early companions for his quiet manner and upright conduct. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

He was originally a member of the German Reform Church, but in 1901 became a member of our Church.

The funeral took place last Tuesday from the Church with burial in Hillside Cemetery.

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Next Sabbath will be Mother's Day and the morning worship will observe the spirit of the occasion, with special music by the Choir.

The Young People have arranged for an attractive evening meeting for the public. A young ladies Orchestra of nine instruments will give a program of music interspersed with solos and appropriate religious parts. The visit of this orchestra which hails from Easton will be appreciated by our people who are urged to attend and enjoy the exercises.



With Reunion Day only two weeks away we are glad to hear of many who are planning to be present.

But some are sending regrets of their inability to attend, though these are very few. We had hoped to have had the Rev. Howard Perkins with us again but his Church duties forbid his absence this year. He writes:-

"We have all looked back in retrospect to the glorious day we had together last year and I think the idea of such a reunion is not only splendid but unique. I know of nothing of its kind anywhere except at Oxford.

"Will you be good enough to convey to the gathering all my good wishes and every blessing?"

A card from Mr. Weber requests the Bulletin sent to him at Cleveland where he and Mrs. Weber are visiting their daughter Mrs. Hanna. They expect to return in time for the "Big Day"

Here is a card note from Mr. Humphrey which seems to be for the benefit of the Ladies of the Church:-

"This is a formal Notice that I expect to attend the Reunion of May 19th and to bring a good appetite for the excellent dinner which I know will be served by the ladies of the Church:-"

He will not be disappointed in that, for the Ladies have already planned a substantial and appetizing luncheon at 40 cents a plate.

Mr. Cortland F. Cook writes for two dinners also.

The Ladies will arrange to serve a larger number at the first table than last year, and thus be able to take care of all visitors promptly, so that they need not seek refreshments elsewhere.

The Young People of the Church gave their Play "Lighthouse Nan" last Tuesday evening in the School Auditorium to a fair sized house. It was very kindly received, judging from the almost continuous applause and laughter. And the generous commendations later were cordially appreciated by the members of the Cast. The long and careful preparation resulted in a most excellent performance, much to the credit of the Director, Mr. Trexler and the players.

Let us call to mind some of the old timers who have passed away, some of them many years ago.

Who can remember Mr. Belker Lind who was the father of 21 children, and on one Christmas day had 19 of them home for Christmas dinner. He often walked from Oxford to Scranton--a distance of 68 miles.

On one occasion he was talking to Mr. Selden T. Scranton and said he was going to Scranton the next day. Mr. Scranton said that he also was going to drive there the same day and invited Mr. Lind to ride with him. However, Lind said that he intended to start at 3 O'clock in the morning, and that he did not want to disturb Mr. Scranton at that early hour. He started at 3 next morning and though I can't remember who got there first, I think Mr. Scranton did, as he drove a fine coach and spirited team of blacks.

Then again some may remember the venerable old colored man Mr. Fisher Huff. He and his wife started house-keeping in a small home he built on a high point which has ever since been called Huff's hill. It lies on the right as you go to the Welfare Home. There he cleared a rough piece of ground and planted many fruit trees, vines and berry bushes, and gave them such good care that he managed to make a nice living till death called him.

He lived to a good old age. During the many years he lived there he and his wife would walk to Mansfield the other side of Washington to the camp meetings which were largely attended by people from many towns in Warren County.

At that time there were many colored families in Oxford-- the Steels, the Whites, the Jacksons, the Prices, the Huffs, the McQuarters, and many others; they were all very fine people.

Mr. Huff seems to have been a remarkable man, and to have deeply impressed the citizens of Oxford in his day, for the Bulletin has, about two years ago, printed interesting articles about him by G.R. Searing and C.E. Weston. It is well to note that Huff's place and Sykes Gap are close together, about a mile east of Tunnel Hill road. Sixty years ago the Iron Company had charcoal furnaces in Sykes' Gap.

In regard to that unique walker Mr. Lind, we wonder if he was a descendant of John Lind the famous strong man of New Jersey a century earlier?



## County C. E. Convention in Oxford, 1903.

We have been handed a copy of the program of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of Warren County, held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Oxford, N. J.

Tuesday, October 27th, 1903.

The officers were--

President, Rev. W. J. Mewhinney, Oxford.  
Vice Presidents, Robert P. Howell, Blairs-  
town. Miss Grace Terraberry, Hackettstown.  
Secretary, Miss Anna Melick, Stewartsville.  
Treasurer, Miss Nell B. Prall, Belvidere.

The Department Superintendants were--  
Bible Study, Mrs. W. C. Albertson, Belvidere.  
Correspondence, Miss Lizzie Swayze

Hackettstown.

Christian Citizenship and Sabbath  
Observance, Rev. N. P. Crouse, Danville.  
Junior Work, Miss M. Eilenberger, Wash. N. J.

The Addresses were made by Rev. A. Harris;  
Rev. S. Nye Hutchinson, of Newark;  
Rev. J. E. Yoder, of Stewartsville.  
H. E. Blair of Princeton.  
Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Portland, Pa.  
Rev. G. R. Lunn.

The Notes are of interest.

"Delegates to the convention will bring their own lunch.

"Coffee and sandwiches will be provided by the local society.

"It may be that better railroad facilities will be announced.

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About one hundred years ago Henry Snyder came from Germany and bought 20 acres of land on the east side of Mt. No More, and including a part of the mountain. He made a road up the steep eastern side and hauled wood down it. The west part of the mountain belonged to Wm. Amendt, who cleared the top and cultivated it. But it is now covered with trees fifty feet high.

The children of Henry Snyder were Peter, John, Adam, Jacob, Elizabeth, Louisa, Mary and Sarah.

Elizabeth was the mother of Edward Scharrer; Louisa was the mother of Charles Fichtel; Mary was the grandmother of the Rev. Jas. Blessing of Washington, N. J.; and Sarah was the mother of Miss Helena Stelter.

Mr. Edward Scharrer supplies this information.

